

NOT ENTIRELY NEW.

Precedent for Speaker Reed's Position Found in Pennsylvania.

A LITTLE OVER A CENTURY AGO.

Superintendent Luckey Calls Attention to a Similar Case.

SOME OTHER TALKS OF INTEREST.

"The position which Speaker Reed has taken in governing the House is nothing remarkable," said Superintendent Luckey yesterday. "Why, if I understand the question at issue, the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Pennsylvania established a precedent for such proceedings in 1787, at the time when the constitution was presented to the State for adoption. I was reading an account the other day of what the Pennsylvania Speaker did, in McMaster's History of the American People, and was rather surprised to learn that Speaker Reed is doing nothing anomalous, but merely repeating history."

Acting on the suggestion of Superintendent Luckey, and through the kindness of Miss Macrom, of the Mercantile Library, a copy of McMaster's History was examined, and the narrative of the exciting event read.

AN ANCIENT PRECEDENT.

Congress had prepared the constitution, and submitted it to the people. The Pennsylvania Legislature was in session at Philadelphia, and Clymer, of that city, moved that a convention of the people be called in a short time to adopt it. The minority in the House protested against the proposal, and the notice, etc., as it is called, was taken to the people and made the constitution an issue in the next campaign. When the question was put great excitement prevailed. What followed can best be told in the graphic language of Mr. McMaster, which reads thus:

"The voices of the minority were drowned by cries of 'No! No!' when the speaker put it, of the 62 members present 45 voted or 19 against it. The House then adjourned until 4 in the afternoon. It was impossible to get a word from any one who wished to express their indignation. They met hastily, declared that if they could not defeat the attempt to call a convention by their votes they would, by their absence, give a solemn pledge not to return to the House, and kept it."

WOULD NOT COME IN.

"When 4 o'clock came but 45, two more than those who voted for the convention, were present. The speaker was less than half the number, and the assembly no business could be done. After waiting for awhile and no other members coming in, the speaker commanded the sergeant at arms to go out and summon the absent ones. He went, was a long while gone, and when he came back was questioned at the bar. He had, he said, gone to the house of one Boyd, had there found Whitehill, Smith, and some other anti-Federalists, had summoned them in the name of the House, and received in reply an answer that they would not obey. Nothing was then left to do but adjourn the House till Saturday."

"Meanwhile news of what had happened and the action of the 14 seceding members had spread through the town. All that evening and until late in the morning the taverns and coffee houses, or stood on the street corners, angrily discussing the situation and forming plans for the morrow. The anti-Federalists were much disheartened, some were for concession. But a few, more zealous than the rest, determined that a quarrel should be kept up, and that if two of the dissenters could not be persuaded to go they should be made to go. The two chosen for this treatment were James Caldwell, who sat at Franklin, and Jacob Miller, who resided at Seaside. Early on the morning of Saturday a great crowd gathered accordingly about their lodgings, broke open the doors, laid hold upon them, dragged them, cursing and struggling, through the streets to the State House. There they were forced into their places and held down in their seats, with clothes disordered and torn and faces white with rage."

IN MILITARY CIRCLES.

Major Greenland thinks the National Appropriations bill will be successful. General Wiley of Franklin, and Major Greenland, of Clarion, were at the Seventh Avenue a short time yesterday. Both gentlemen were on their way home from the military congress which was held in Washington. In speaking of what had been done, Major Greenland said: "I think the bill framed by the congress to have the national appropriations increased to \$1,000,000 was a good one. The Western and Southern States are poor, and they can't afford to maintain a State soldiery. They have improved their circumstances, and the importance of the bill, and the majority of them are favorably inclined. I talked with many of the Pennsylvania representatives, and the showing of the State guard at Washington and New York was such that they won't oppose the measure. I tell you the boys I met from the South and New England are all in favor of it, and I was very much pleased with them."

While in Washington General Hastings held a consultation with General Schofield, and the latter agreed to have all the departments of the United States Army represented at the Mt. Gretna encampment next summer. The Coleman are clearing 200 more acres of ground, and that we will have plenty of room in which to make a grand display. Since the Government has adopted the new breech-loading rifle, the old rifles are being turned over to the States for distribution among the militia. If this is done, the boys will have a good set of pieces.

Well, now, as to Harrison's successor, I can't say who will be appointed, but I am sure Colonel North, Harrison's old Adjutant General, the other day, and he told me he had heard nothing. It would be funny if a Democratic Governor should elect a Beaver to be lieutenant, it is true, as reported, that he aspires to the position."

PLENTY AND PERSISTENT.

The present winter productive of the Toughest of Tough Tramps. The J. J. Aland, the tailor, says the bad weather of the past week or two has not only been productive of poor business, but an unusual number of tramps are inquiring for assistance. He adds that they are the most persistent he has ever seen, and will not leave until they are given something or kicked out.

Regarding his own particular business, Mr. Aland asserts that the present has been very bad seasons for articles such as overcoats, etc. One day such as yesterday in the fall would have been worth a hundred now.

NEW BLOOD FOR THE G. A. R.

Old Soldiers Who Believe That the Sons of Veterans Should be Annexed. Colonel Brady, a well known gentleman connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, said to a reporter: "It is not true, as has been stated in several publications, that the leading in the Grand Army is practically unanimous in opposition to a coalescing

THE OPENING PLANS.

The Carnegie Library Free to People on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Its Work During the Past Year—Over Six Hundred Complaints Investigated—Determination to Extend the Work During the Coming Year.

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Number of complaints of cruelty to children investigated 490  
Prosecutions 127  
Fines 127  
Fines remitted 3  
Sent to workhouse 24  
Sent to jail 22  
Sent to penitentiary 3  
Sent to reformatory 3  
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Prosecutions withheld on signing the pledge 23  
Warnings given 25  
No case of complaint 11  
Number of children involved 1,078  
Number of animals involved 1,078  
Sent to temporary home 5  
Sent to Home of Friends 11  
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Sent to Colored Urban Asylum 3  
Placed with relatives 87  
Placed in care of mother 263  
Adopted out 7  
Placed in Newberry's Home 7  
Do Wheeling 1  
Do Philadelphia 1  
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Placed in Four Farms 4  
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Placed in Home of Good Shepherd 4  
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There were also 53 complaints of wives being ill treated by their husbands, in which cases were given, where necessary, counsel, was secured, when the complainant was too poor, and suit entered.

John Bradley, the treasurer, reported that he had a balance of \$1 43 at the time of the last report; he had received from all sources since \$1,370 28. The expenditures were \$975 for Superintendent's salary; and \$414 26 for clerk hire, traveling, rent, fuel, etc. This leaves a balance of \$795 25. The records were examined by the members present, who expressed themselves as being satisfied with Superintendent Dean's efficiency, and his methods. The secretary was re-elected in a substantial manner.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: President, J. H. Reed; Vice President, John N. Hazlett; Treasurer, John Bradley; Secretary, E. Donnelly; Managers, J. H. Reed, J. N. Hazlett, John Bradley, J. O. Brown, Florence C. Miller, A. E. McCandless, S. P. Connor, D. H. Gilkinson and G. O. Morgan.

A WOMAN'S SAD STORY.

The Victims of a Faithless Lover and as a result of the same the City Home. Magdalena Martez, native of Baranial, Alsace-Lorraine, was sent to the City Farm yesterday, and Chief Elliott was very energetic in the expression of his opinion of the subject. From Magdalena's story it seems that she loved a faithless swain in her native town, and when he deserted her, her enraged father (she thinks stimulated by the promised lover) shipped her to the United States on the French steamer La Augustine.

Arriving at New York October 19, she came directly to this city and became a domestic in a Southern family until unable to hold her position longer, when she applied to be sent to the Home. Were it not that she set under the surrounding circumstances she would be inhuman, the department would send the girl back to her parents.

RUSHING THE BUILDING.

Excellent Progress Being Made Toward the Completion of the Post-Office. It appears to be probable that Inspector J. M. Pattison will remain in this city until July 1, at least. He will stay until that time or until he receives orders from Washington to go elsewhere. He expresses the opinion that the work of laying the stone can be finished by April 1. The Pennsylvania Construction Company will begin the work on the roof to-morrow, and expects to finish by the middle of March. Work on the towers has been commenced. A second engine, intended to be run in the yard building, is now being put into the basement.

Friday night Mr. Pattison sent to Washington three bids or the construction of the building, and it is likely that work will begin within two days and will be finished within a fortnight.

A LEAP FROM A BRIDGE.

James Brickley Attempts Suicide While Crazed by Illness. A sensational attempt at suicide was made at the Union bridge yesterday morning. James Brickley, who has been suffering for some weeks with a severe attack of La Grippe, jumped from the bridge into the river, falling a distance of about 40 feet. A wild scene of confusion ensued at the foot of the bridge, and about 12 or 15 other persons were running to and fro like mad people and shouting for help. When Brickley touched the ice-cold water he seemed to change his mind, and instead of allowing himself to sink, commenced striking out lustily for life. He was picked up by the steamer Princess and taken ashore. He was removed to his home and put to bed again.

MARRIED IN A NEW JERSEY.

Harry H. Rose, a brewmaster, living at No. 290 Locock street, and Miss Stella Ladley, of No. 290 Locock street, Allegheny, have eloped and were married yesterday in Camden, N. J. The young lady is a stenographer and typewriter employed in the Westinghouse building, on Ninth street. Her father is a tailor, and opposed the marriage.

A BRADDOCK HOTEL FIRE.

The Braddock Volunteer Fire Company was called out yesterday morning to extinguish a fire in the third floor of the Frantz Hotel. When the guests discovered the fire the rooms were full of smoke, and a goodly portion of the effects were destroyed.

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THE EARLY DELIVERY.

Insider's News From Banks and Business Men Received by Postmaster McKean.

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On Tuesday and Wednesday the whole building from the basement to the top will be under way. The basement will be under way without limitation as above described. Ingress will be effected at the Ohio street hall entrance and that of the library facing the street. Express will be sent to the Art Loan Exhibition, than which no parallel artistic event has occurred in Pittsburgh for years, will be accessible to every body during Tuesday and Wednesday, between the hours of 1 P. M. and 10 P. M. But don't carry either cane or umbrella into the domain of art. If you do it will have to be like the lawyer meeting in a meeting camp; you must leave your weapons at the door. Even fans are interdicted. The reason for this is easily apparent. The pictures in that gallery are of the highest quality, and belong entirely to private persons. They have been loaned to be looked at and not felt or poked.

THE PICTURES VALUED.

A stray cane or umbrella pushed by accident into a Baugerian or a Corot would ruin the occasion as well as the picture. There will be a great crowd of people, and the paint is brittle and would break even if a fan were laid upon the surface. Hence these reasonable precautions and the earnest desire of the Art Loan Exhibition, that no accident or robbery property occur during the existence of the exhibition.

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PERILS OF PEDESTRIANS.

Slippery Sidewalks Made More Dangerous by Careless Constables. The walking yesterday was difficult and in some places perilous. All over town the sidewalks were covered with ice, which in the afternoon became hard and glazed. Many a proud pedestrian executed a waltz, ending in a heavy fall, at an unwary moment. In the hill districts the police were on duty, and the sidewalks were cleared, which rendered them unfit for walking. This was particularly the case on the South-side, where the people complained bitterly of the ice. It is expected that the police will be on duty to prevent the sliding-rides on the sidewalks.

ARRRESTED AFTER A YEAR.

A Burglar Caught When He Thought He Was Safe. Nearly a year ago a burglar stole a valuable gold watch and other property from the house of A. Rudolf, on Ferry street, Allegheny. As the watch was an heirloom, a reward was offered for its recovery. The watch was recovered by the Pennsylvania State Police, and the burglar was arrested after a year.

THE EAST MAIN BREAK IS LATE USUALLY.

The East Main Break is Late Usually. The fast mail on the Pennsylvania Railroad arrived yesterday morning on time, for the first time since the new clerks to handle the mail have been on duty. The mail was delivered to the banks before 8:30 o'clock.

LAND SLIDE ON THE B. & O.

A land slide on the Baltimore and Ohio road at Linden station early yesterday morning covered one track and caused considerable delay to trains. The obstruction was removed by 8 o'clock in the morning.

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DR. HARTMAN.

As Explained by Dr. Hartman's Famous Lecture on That Subject—History of La Grippe—1847, 1860, 1870 and 1890—Causes, Symptoms, Dangers and Treatment—Reported for the Public Press—What Does the Term La Grippe Mean?

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At the New York Grocery, and This is the Cause of It.

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